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COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

The University activities are being organized so that we will be able to know what the other side of the campus is doing. Last Wednesday, in Columbian House, twenty-five people gathered together to form what may be called the Activities Council of the Student Council. It consisted of the presidents or representatives of the larger organizations on campus; such organizations as the Interfraternity Council, Pan Hellenic Society, etc. (Cont. page 7)

THE DEAN'S BULLETIN BOARD

Have you looked at the Dean's Bulletin Board in the last few weeks? From one end to the other it fairly shouts " manpower Shortage!" At the time this is being written, there are five notices or letters from the large corporations who are scouting the campuses for embryo engineers. Here is a resume of the firms who are soliciting Dean Baker for some of his graduating engineers.

Transcontinental and Western Airlines wants engineers (Cont. page 7)

SMOKES
FOR
YANKS

SLOKES FOR YANKS

Another campaign is on, here at the University. At this time the Engineers co-operated in the drive. The plan is simple: for each five cents donated, one pack of Camels will be sent to the men overseas with the following label in place of the revenue stamp:

"Good Luck"

FROM
STUDENT BODY
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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SCHEDULE

Apr. Wed. Societies Meeting

Apr. 14 Wed. Theta Tau (short) Engineers Council

Apr. 21 Wed. Sigma Tau (long)

Apr. 28 Wed. Theta Tau (long)

Apr. 29 Thur. MAY MEETING

May 1 Sat. ENGINEERS' STAMP
STAMP

May 5 Wed. Societies Meetings

Any Day or Night be sure to buy Stamps and Bonds.

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FACULTY COMMENTS

Since the last issue, our roving reporter has been scouring the faculty for its comments on the Mecheleciv. The results were most enlightening.

The faculty members generally agreed with Prof. Akers who said "I find the Mecheleciv both interesting and pleasurable" despite the also general opinion that "the appearance of the paper is not imposing". Just as you did, the faculty had difficulty reading the oft-times illegible mimeographing.

It may be stated in all modesty that the staff of the Mecheleciv came in for its share of praise. Prof. Strollo summed it all up by stating quite plainly "the effort of all those involved in publishing the paper is to be commended". Prof. Akers has turned over his office and its equipment on Sundays in order that the staff may have some place to work.

Every faculty member spoken to stressed the need for engineering students to acquire experience waiting for public consumption. (Remember - the Mecheleciv is always anxious to have you join its staff.) A suggestion offered by all the instructors interviewed was that technical papers should be included in the Mecheleciv. The papers need not be long - a column or so - but they should be written and published. It was pointed out by Prof. Strollo that other engineers

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Phillup says "Hello"

ENGINEERS AND PEOPLE

Alfred E. Ennis...Professor in the F.E. Dep't. on leave since July 1941... born in Philadelphia... B.S. in E.E. at University of Pennsylvania... S. at M.I.T... Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins (while teaching at C.W.)... worked in coal mining company in Pa... came to C.W. E.E. Dep't. in 1931... now at Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Dep't... chairman of prize paper committee (2 years) chairman, student activities committee (2 years) for the Middle Eastern District... vice chairman, Washington Section AIEE... chairman next year of same... Faculty Adviser of C.W. student AIEE for many years... married to Meta A. Ennis, Insign, U.S.N. now stationed in Washington... Member of Tau Kappa Nu and Sigma Psi... favorite hours after 12 midnight... hobbies - photography and pumping up bicycle tires.

William Stanley Wachen... born in Hyattsville in 1918... therefore one of those rare specimens, a native Washingtonian... came to George Washington in September 1938... night student ever since... registered as a C.E. but has associated with the M.E. for some time, now returning to a full-fledged C.E... has worked at the Navy Yard for four and a half years... married Pauline Wilson Wachen in October, 1941... not peevish... none... hobbies - saving coins (a little too late for Jingle Jangle Jingle)... favorite drink-water (with a fire, lime and gin)... favorite time 12 to 6 a.m... President of Sigma Tau, and Engineers' Council... member of A.C.E. and Theta Tau.

Love is one game that is never postponed on account of darkness.

A father hasn't necessarily gone stork mad just because he has ten children.

One cure for insomnia is to take a drink every quarter hour. It may not put you to sleep, but it makes you more satisfied to stay awake.

M.F. and Y OU

Another month has rolled around and here we are planning our April A.S.N.E. meeting. Next Wednesday nite at 8 O'clock is the time and once again its to be held in D-203. According to Stan Russel, our program committee chairman, the meeting will be highlighted by the reading of several student papers. Dirk Brady, popular mechanical drawing instructor and all-around good fellow, will give a paper which he has been burning the midnight oil on lately. Likewise, Jay Dodd will tell us something about a complicated machine operation on a Navy Gun. Those papers have been prepared in connection with the approaching annual convention of the societies of this vicinity which is to be held this year in Charlottesville, Va., home of the University of Virginia. The convention is scheduled for late April or early May. If gasoline can be had, quite a few of our men will make the trip. But to get back to Wednesday's meeting, Pres. Bill Sibert tells me that Raef Cahn and Dick Fonten have the refreshment situation well in hand. Don't forget to keep Wed. nite open for the meeting.

At last month's meeting, a good turnout heard Commander Tasmalin talk on Diesel Power in Coast Guard Ships. After the meeting was over, an informal discussion on different problems of applying Diesel Power started among the men present and lasted until midnight, well over half an hour after the last of the punch, tastefully dreamed up by Dave Haupt and Chuck Hawley, had been consumed.

Rumer has it that Ray Casella has been working on a new and revolutionary card-dealing machine as his semester problem in Machine Design class. Ray confides that it will step up the number of hands of bridge that he can play between classes.

It was with deep sympathy that the Engineering School heard of the passing on of Prof. Grudskshank's mother last week.

SHORT CIRCUITS

It would be nice to start off this column by congratulating the members on their splendid attendance at our last meeting but it would not be true. Suffice it to say that the meeting was well attended by a group from Maryland University and by members of the Senior branch. Of course, the old standbys of our group were there and anyone of them can tell you of the swell lecture that Mr. Hibben gave.

There is no question but what Mr. Hibben is the foremost authority of the lighting situation in this country and his predictions of things to come was a good example of the challenge that will face the engineers after the war is over. He also told as much as he could of the part that specialized light is playing to help win the war. Not only did he tell us but he actually displayed various examples of light rays, reflectors and their military uses and of possible civilian applications after the war.

Our next meeting, Wednesday April 7, brings us back to our regular schedule and also brings back our esteemed chairman, Fred Holcomb, who has recovered from the measles. The meeting will be featured by two student talks, one by our good friend, Al Barauk, and the other by our "Superman", Michael Bondy.

Speaking of student talks reminds us that the deadline for papers has now well expired and though we have had several talks, no formal papers have been submitted. However, we take time out here to bestow a vote of thanks to the members who gave so graciously of their valuable time and effort to present talks before the students.

Diving into other subjects, we are glad to report that the "E.E." Lab Dance was a success both socially and (it ain't true) financially. In fact, so much so, that plans for another are in the offing. Notables at the gala event were Prof. and Mrs. Akers. Keep tuned to this circuit for further information on another dance, better yet, come down to the E.E. Meeting and get the dope first hand.

Ey' now this column should have ended
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AM. SOC. C. E.

THETA TAU

At the last regular meeting of the Society, we partook of the hospitality of the M.E.'s and attended their lecture meeting. Although the subject presented by Commanier Tomalin, of the Coast Guard Service, "Diesel applications to Ship Construction", was a little apart from our usual interests, we enjoyed it very much and gained much reliable information. [It did much to make the M.E.'s appear human].

The long awaited day for the C.E.'s party finally arrived and has now passed into pleasant memory. It was a gala affair and almost as well attended by our good friends the M.E.'s as by the C.E.'s. The faculty was ably represented by Professors Walther and Strolle who really joined in the festivities, although they betook themselves home rather early. We missed Professor Cook, but realize the difficulties encountered in transportation coming in from the country.

At our next regular meeting, scheduled for 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, the graduating seniors will present papers before the chapter in competition for the prize of a junior membership in the parent society. This is an award made each semester by the District of Columbia Section of the Society and always develops keen competition among the Seniors which results in some excellent papers.

We wish to remind the Chapter members that our May meeting is to be devoted to the presentation of papers by members of the Chapter and urge them to polish up the papers and get them into final shape for this meeting.

This is not a lucky word, this same "impossible;" no good comes of those who have it so often in their minds.

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.

Doubt of any kind can be ended by action only.

You Theta Tau's who were present at the initiation, banquet and dance to celebrate Gamma Beta's Anniversary last month know what a successful function we had; but to you members and especially you alumni we want to say that you missed a real party and a very impressive initiation. Col. (Deacon) Ames and Col. Machett were present to give us their impressions of the celebration and the world situation in general.

Although a few more than the usual number of alumni were present, the proportion was pitifully small. Remember, Alumni members especially Gamma Beta Chapter, that your presence at these functions is an encouragement to the active members who are responsible for the initiation, preparation and arrangement of these parties. Most of the active members are not only work at regular jobs as you do but also have family duties and class assignments to prepare on top of this. You can readily imagine how discouraging it can be to work hard to put on a good party and then not have any show of appreciation from you. Your participation by simply attending is small in the matter of time and effort in comparison. Yet, just attending is of such tremendous encouragement that the actives actually try harder the next time. (Note to readers. Pass this issue of the Mecheleciv on to Theta Tau Alumni members.)

From the record of attendance at the last meeting, Wednesday, March 31st, the encouragement referred to is very much in need. Of 27 active members only 10 were present at the scheduled time and only 6 more came in the next hour and a half. Even after wasting the time of 10 men a quorum was not present so that no business could be conducted.

Fellow members: If you are not concerned about your own interests, at least have some consideration for your brother's time and effort. By the simple fact that you were not present, 16 men wasted an evening. Besides this, you all know that preparation had to be made at

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THE ENGINEERS' COUNCIL COLUMNLETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Engineers' Banquet, so long a tradition on the campus, will have to be discontinued this year due to the shortage of food. But its spirit will be carried on in the event instigated to take its place. The event is an Engineers' Stag Smoker, at which it is planned to have very little speech making and a large amount of beer drinking. Dean Feiker will be there to say a few words and there will be a short and entertaining talk by a guest speaker (as yet undetermined), and then the presentations of the Theta Tau award to the outstanding graduating senior, the Sigma Tau award to the outstanding freshman, and of the Council Keys to the Engineers' Council Members. The rest of the evening will be devoted to the good old engineering habit of mixing around, telling stories, and, of course, - beer! The date is May 1st, the time 8 o'clock, the place indefinite, and the charge one dollar per head.

Anyone interested is cordially invited to come to the Council meetings on the second Wednesday each month at nine o'clock in the Engineers' Lounge.

SHORT CIRCUITS

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but a late flash from one of our many scouts in the field brings in a report which emphasizes again the fact that we are at war. Thomas Alvin O'Halloran, B.S. in E.E., is entering the Navy. Whether he will be able to continue in his present capacity at the University is in doubt. Speaking for the E.E. students, we sincerely hope that "Tommy" will do all he can to remain and we wish to say that he has won the respect and admiration of all who have sweated and slaved in the E.E. Lab.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once defined happiness as "Four feet on a fireplace fender".

A salesman is not dressed for work unless he wears a smile.

To the Editor:

We as students want to see our School of Engineering become as good as any and better than most.

The graduates of the School of Medicine, within six months or a year after graduation, voluntarily contribute ten or twenty dollars to their branch of the University. A similar Engineering fund could be used for laboratory equipment to enrich the Engineering library, to grant scholarships to needy honor students so that some of them may not have to stay eight to ten years to graduate.

Most engineering graduates at the present time are employed at once! Out of his pay a graduate at his own free will could send twenty-five dollars to the institution that steadily and faithfully helped him to get that particular job.

If our School of Engineering becomes better known, our degrees will be worth that much more. The positions that we will hold will be more responsible and more promising.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Paraskevas

(Parky)

(Ed. note - Engineers! What do you think?)
(P.S. Parky becomes an American Citizen on Tuesday. Congratulations!)

FACULTY COMMENTS

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ing schools include technical articles in their publications.

This suggestion is thrown right back into the laps of our readers. What do you think about it? Will you contribute.

There are two freedoms - the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.

Charles Kingsley

Are you smoking? Yanks like to smoke too!

SCHOOL DAZE

The Mechanics of It

When you see a lady go
Slim and supple as a doe
Wearing satin cut to fit
As if macrame were poured in it;

When you almost lose your mind
Noting how it clings behind
And how the lovely curves before
Invite attention more and more;

Then, thus you stand, romantic,
And

Take your warning from and Ad;
Be sure this vision that you see
Is not the work of a contrite.

Be sure that all these curves are
"ruly"

Acts of dol and not unlady
Brought about by man's worst foe
That two-way stretching so-and-so.

Men and women in love never really
get acquainted -- but -

A "sugar daddy" is a form of
crystallized sap.

Problem:

Find the number that each "X"
stands for. Time 15 min.

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Summer is here, winter drawers off. Lest we forget, buy War Bonds.

SPECIFICATION

Item: Best girl friend
Req'd : One sample.

Item	Quantity	Description
Hair	500 sq. in.	Dark brown, no snarls, flavored with peppermint.
Feet	2	Both pointing the same direction.
Legs	2	Sturdy, good walking characteristics, no (), no knees on knees.
Eyes	2	About 400 candlepower concentrated beam, no stray lances.
Complexion	White	No polka-dots, reasonably smooth to the touch.
Chemical equation		Must have definite affinity for certain lad. Slight rise in temperature after continued exposure to said lad.

George Washington: "Father, I cannot tell a lie, I cut your sherry."

What is the color of a belch?
Purple.

News Flash!

In Serbia they do not hang a man with a wooden leg. They use rope.

News Flash Again!

The bearded lady of Barnum and Bailey circus died, leaving a wife and five children.

THETA TAU
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this meeting for our coming rush party. As it stands now the party will have to be postponed to April 17th and the preparations will have to be made at the April 14th meeting, only two days before the party. This only adds more to the effort that must be made by those of the brothers who will take care of the arrangements as they have nothing definite to work on now.

Another alumni of Theta Tau, Gamma Beta Chapter has been discovered. He is Peter Haskell Roeser. Brother Roeser turned up as a Lt. (J.g.) in the Navy assigned to the I.C. Division at the Naval Research Laboratory. Congratulations Brother Roeser!

COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

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School Council, Cue and Curtain, the Religious Council, the Engineers' Council, and many other organizations.

The main object of the Council is to get cooperation between the different organizations, and to reduce the conflicts that have existed. We are behind the idea one hundred percent, and intend to see to it that the Engineers do everything possible to make it a success.

SMOKES FOR YANKS

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Donations can be given to designated persons in societies, Fred Holcomb, or any other responsible person interested in the drive:

Remember:

" American cigarettes — of all personal comforts, are the most difficult to obtain. "

—General MacArthur

It is said that if Noah's ark had had to be built by a company, they would not have laid the keel yet.

—Spurgeon

(Henry Kaiser wasn't living then)

ALUMNI NOTES

One of the interesting features of the Alumni group of the Engineering School is the various fields into which they have have entered. Prof. Akers has offered to to finance the mailing of the MECHELECIV to any "interested" alumni in the armed forces. Much of our news must, of necessity, come from you, dear reader. It is hoped that an Alumni Column will be a regular feature of the MECHELECIV.

Harold Thomasson, former E.E., is now in Florida working for his commission in the Signal Corps. Cliff Williamson, also is in Florida, and doing the same thing. Albrecht Baisis whose address is Co. D-15 th Sig.Trig. Reg't., Ft. Mounmouth, N.J., writes us that he may continue his education under the Army's new college training program, he would rather go overseas and get some Japanesis.

If you have any further info, drop us a line. The MECHELECIV Box is just outside the Deans' Office.

THE DEAN'S BULLETIN BOARD

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for supervisory positions in maintenance and engineering divisions with a possibility of foreign service. Westinghouse wants some men for Electric testing jobs. Shell Oil Co. wants M.E.'s, and General Electric is in need of E.E.'s and M.E.'s. Our own Capitol Transit Co. has asked Dean Feiker about men who would be available for Engineering Aids and Assistant Engineers positions in their Valuation division. Well that's it men, Industry is ready for us as soon as we have completed our part of the deal, and with that thought let us snap shut the glass door of the Bulletin Board for another month.

God has made this earth rich enough for everybody's need, but not rich enough for anybody's greed.

— R.W. Sockman

A great country cannot wage a little war.

— Duke of Wellington